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### Amendments to the Claims

A detailed list of all claims under examination is shown below. Please amend claims 1, 10, 11, 31, 32, 35 and 36 as follows:

1. (currently amended): A coated substrate comprising a strippable intermediate coating atop the substrate, and a strip agent-permeable coating atop the intermediate coating, wherein the strip agent-permeable coating comprised a two-part curable composition and is less strippable and more durable than the intermediate coating.
2. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a floor.
3. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 2, wherein the substrate comprises a resilient flooring material.
4. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 3, wherein the substrate comprises a vinyl or vinyl composite tile.
5. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a wall, ceiling, label, emblem, sign or vehicle.
6. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating comprises a metal-catalyzed acrylic finish.
7. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a strippability rating of 6 or more on a 7 point scale, corresponding to at least partial strip with softened finish in all areas, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.

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8. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating has a thickness of about 5 to about 38 micrometers.
9. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises a polymerized material.
10. (currently amended): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprised a ~~one-part~~ photopolymerizable material.
11. (currently amended): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprised a ~~UV~~ thermally curable material.
12. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises an acrylate, urethane or acrylated urethane.
13. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 12, wherein the topcoat comprises an aromatic urethane.
14. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 12, wherein the topcoat comprises an aliphatic polyester urethane.
15. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat is not metal crosslinked.
16. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat has a strippability rating of 4 or less on a 7 point scale, corresponding to no more than severe chemical attack on the topcoat and the onset of stripping, using a test strip agent made using a 25% water solution of a concentrate that contained 59% softened water, 6% sodium xylene sulfonate, 4.5% potassium hydroxide, 10% monoethanolamine, 0.2% tetrasodium EDTA, 10% ethylene glycol phenyl ether and 0.05% fluorosurfactant, and a 10 minute standing time.

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17. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat has a thickness of about 5 to about 38 micrometers.

18. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the intermediate coating or topcoat comprise two or more different layers of materials.

19. (original): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a floor and the strip agent-permeable coating comprises a UV curable finish.

Claims 20-30 cancelled.

31. (currently amended): A method for applying a finish to a substrate, comprising:

- a) applying to the substrate a strippable intermediate coating;
  - b) allowing the intermediate coating to dry or harden; and
  - c) applying a strip agent-permeable topcoat to the intermediate coating,
- wherein the topcoat comprises a two-part curable composition and is less strippable and more durable than the intermediate coating.

32. (currently amended): A method according to claim 31, wherein the topcoat is thermally curable ~~UV-cured~~.

33. (original): A method according to claim 31, wherein the intermediate coating is applied in two or more coats.

34. (original): A method according to claim 31, wherein the topcoat is applied in two or more coats.

35. (currently amended): A method according to claim 34, wherein each of said two or more coats is ~~UV~~ cured before application of any further coat.

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36. (currently amended): A method for removing a finish from a substrate, comprising:
- a) applying a strip agent to a laminate finish comprising a strip agent-permeable coating atop a strippable intermediate coating atop a substrate, wherein the strip agent-permeable coating comprises a two-part curable composition and is less strippable and more durable than the intermediate coating;
  - b) allowing the strip agent to permeate through the topcoat to attack the intermediate layer; and
  - c) removing the intermediate layer and topcoat without removing substantial portions of the underlying substrate.
37. (original): A method according to claim 36, wherein permeation of the strip agent through the topcoat is enhanced by a mechanically roughening the topcoat prior to applying the strip agent.
38. (original): A method according to claim 36, wherein removal of the intermediate layer and topcoat occurs in less than 10 minutes after application of the strip agent.
39. (previously presented): A coated substrate according to claim 1, wherein the topcoat comprises a urethane.
40. (previously presented): A method according to claim 31, wherein the topcoat comprises a urethane.